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Frederick County Health Department

# ***Public Health Alert***

DATE: May 24, 2021

**Woman Bitten by Unknown Dog on Sunday, May 23, 2021, at the Wawa on Route 40 and Baughman's Lane in Frederick, Maryland. Seeking Owner of Dog.**

A woman was bitten by an unknown dog inside the Wawa on Route 40 and Baughman's Lane around 9:30 AM on Sunday, May 23, 2021. The dog is described as an adult Pit Bull-type, possibly a light brindle color. The dog was accompanied by an African American male, possibly named "Josh." The dog owner left the store in a white SUV. The Frederick County Health Department is requesting that the owner, or anyone who has information regarding the animal, contact Frederick County Animal Control (FCAC) so the victim may avoid receiving unnecessary and expensive post-exposure rabies vaccinations.



Contact is needed to confirm the animal's health and whereabouts. The animal will be quarantined, which can occur in the owner's home, for 10 days to monitor its health. If the animal is verified to be in good health 10 days after the bite, the victim will not need to receive the series of post-exposure rabies vaccinations, and the animal will be allowed to resume normal activity. The owner or anyone who has information about the animal is asked to contact Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If you or someone in your family is bitten or scratched by a dog or cat, obtain contact information from the animal's owner so that appropriate action can be taken. Report bites to Animal Control at 301-600-1544. Report possible human exposure to Community Health Services at 301-600-3342. For general rabies questions, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717. Visit [health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES](http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/RABIES) for more information.

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